

Wishing All Our Readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Albert District News

(Skiing enthusiasts are busy now cleaning and flooding the Albert rink. Skaters are looking forward to it being opened during the holiday season. The W.I. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Griffiths. Election of officers took place and resulted as follows: president, Mrs. V. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. R. McRoberts. Mrs. E. W. Ramsey was hostess and served a tasty lunch.

Mrs. R. Hay and Mrs. G. W. Hardy will be sponsors for the first card party of the season to be held in the school on Friday, December 27. Please come on time.

Mrs. A. R. McRoberts was a weekend visitor to Wainwright.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Currie of Wainwright were district visitors on Sunday last.

Mrs. O. Griffiths and Miss Edith Jones are home from their schools for the holidays.

Mr. R. McRoberts left on Friday last on the Flyer for Toronto where he will attend a Private school for several weeks.

Most of the Albert children have been home with had attacks of the flu. Attendance is nearly back to normal.

Mr. Good paid a supervisory visit to the school on Monday.

VILLAGE OF IRMA

Notice of Tax Sale

Notice is hereby given, that under the provisions of the Tax Recovery Act, 1939, the Village of Irma will offer for sale by public auction, in the village office, Irma, Alberta, on Thursday, the 9th day of January, 1941, at eight o'clock in the evening, the following parcels of land:

Lots	Block	Plan
32 and 33	5	1560W
8	C	3038EO
Part of	D	1560W
(1.07 acres)		

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.

Terms cash unless otherwise arranged. Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs; at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Irma, Alberta, this 10th day of November 1940.

E. W. Carter,
Secretary-Treasurer.

25th Wedding Anniversary

MR. AND MRS. V. PETERSON
HONORED ON SILVER WEDDING

On Sunday, December 8th, about 75 friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Peterson in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Harold Gulbransen acted as master of ceremonies. Many of those present spoke of the early days and the changes that had taken place in the district as time went on. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were congratulated on their anniversary and also on their new home, and were presented with a purse of silver. Before leaving for home a delicious lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson thanked one and all for their kindness on this, their twenty-fifth anniversary.

NEW YEAR'S BIG CELEBRATION
IN IRMA

This year the same as last, the Irma Junior Hockey Club are planning celebrations for the people of Irma and district. It will be the second annual affair sponsored by this organization and promises to be a real treat.

The fun will start on New Year's Eve with a bigger and better dance than has ever been held before. The boys are going to the limit, and will be making a big success. The hall will be decorated in Yuletide colors, and balloons, hats and other novelties will be added to increase the fun of the evening. So don't miss it, come and dance the old year out and the New Year in.

The other half of the entertainment will take place on New Year's day in the form of a local hockey tournament. So after that big turkey dinner is tucked away everybody can get yelling themselves hoarse for their favorite team. There is expected to be four teams in the tournament: the Irma Juniors and three of the district teams. Any country teams wishing to play are asked to get their players lined up and get their entries in early.

There will be two games in the afternoon at 2 and 4 p.m. respectively and at night at 8 p.m. the final game will be played. The gate receipts will be divided up giving 50 percent in aid of the Red Cross and the remainder will be used for prizes to the winning teams.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting
M.D. Battle River No. 423

The council of the municipal district of Battle River, No. 423, met in the office of the secretary treasurer at Irma on Thursday, December 12, 1940. Messrs. Stewart, Kelly, Blakey, Steele and Collette present, deputy reeve W. Stewart in the chair.

Minutes of November 14th, 1940, read by the secretary. Moved by Mr. Blakey that the minutes of November 14 be approved as read. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that relief be extended to J. D. Nathigal for \$10 until Jan. 9th, 1941 and charge provincial government. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that relief be extended to Mrs. J. Bergquist for \$10 until Jan. 9th, 1941. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the report of the committee on relief be accepted and that form RB37 be accepted and that Mrs. Kniebel be accepted and relief issued for \$6 until Jan. 9, 1941 and charge provincial government. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the report of the relief committee that emergency relief of \$5 as issued to Mrs. M. Mikleson be accepted and approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the secretary be a committee to issue relief to Mrs. Mikleson for December 1940 if found necessary. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that Messrs. Collette and Kelly be a committee regarding clothing for the Athabasca family. Investigate the contents of box 37 submitted to the council with power to act. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the application on form RB 37, F. Carter be accepted and relief issued for food at \$12 until Jan. 9, 1941, and shelter at \$2.00 per month. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the secretary and Mr. Stewart be a committee regarding Geo. McLean family clothing list with power to act. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the report of the secretary and Mr. Kelly re the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts convention held in Calgary, November 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1940, be accepted and report filed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the report of the secretary re sample and price of grain from the SW 17-44-9, J. Saville be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the secretary and Mr. Stewart be a committee regarding transportation of Harry Fignishau to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McLauchlan of Claresholm. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that in reply to the Regina branch of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act regarding township 46 in range 7 W4th that the secretary now take the matter up with the federal minister of agriculture explaining fully all particulars in this matter. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the secretary write all parties concerned in township 44 range 7, setting out the contents of letter from the Prairie Farm Assistance Branch at Regina for their information. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the secretary write the Prairie Farm Assistance branch at Regina in reply to theirs of December 6th, asking why parties in township 44 range 7 were paid 50c per acre when the award was declared at \$1.00 per seeded acre. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the secretary write all parties under crop leases with the municipal district to deliver to the secretary of the municipality a copy of the statements, and the secretary report at January meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the report of Dr. Greenberg re J. D. Nathigal's condition and trip to T. J. Bronson for Bronson boy be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that the report of the secretary from the committee re O. Bethge hospital accounts be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the secretary write the Wainwright municipal hospital re hospital notices of W. Santee that this matter is being investigated. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the matter of old hospital accounts of the Royal Alexandra hospital be tabled and dis-

counted at the first full meeting of the council. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that application for tax consolidation S% 6-46-7 be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that application for tax consolidation SW 25-44-9 and SE 8-44-9 be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that application for tax consolidation S% 7-46-7 be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the inspector's report under the Mother's Allowance Act that the allowance of \$50.00 per month for Mrs. T. Meyer be left as now set be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that the inspector's report under the Mother's Allowance Act that the allowance of \$2.00 per month for Mrs. O. J. Rome be left as now set be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that the inspector's report under the Mother's Allowance Act that the allowance of \$15 per month for Mrs. Elliott be left as now set be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the statement of receipts and expenditures for month ending November 30th be accepted and incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that the reeve and treasurer be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of \$3,666.16 to meet the 4th quarter school requisition to Wainwright school division No. 32. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the reeve and treasurer be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the bank of Montreal the sum of \$311.50 to meet the 4th quarter hospital requisition to the Wainwright municipal hospital district No. 17. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the reeve and treasurer be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of \$100.00 deemed necessary for municipal purposes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the Dr. balance of division 6 of \$62.83 public works be paid from the general funds and debited to any 1941 allocation to that division. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Kelly that the following pay sheets be passed and paid: 3b 18.38; 4b 8.25; 5b 147.00; 5c 182.00; 5d 178.03; 5e 232.25. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakey that the following accounts be passed and paid: C. Wilbraham sal secretas Nov \$118.94

Petty cash	24.31
P. Harvey poundkeeper	1.50
Irma Times papers Nov	25.00
Provincial treasurer MA Oct	30.50
Provincial Child Welfare	18.70
ITO disc carnival	5.00
Chairman St. Agencies	
treas. bond	20.00
Kings printer form C	2.50
Alta Mun Stationers supplies	1.36
L. C. Tury	
Abernathy rent Dec	10.00
J. C. McFarland Co	
Bergquist rel Nov	10.00
Dr. Greenberg re Bronson	4.80
3rd quarter retaining	50.00
C. Wilbraham	
mileage and expenses	47.80
Hans Kelly	
council mtgs, super rds	75.00
A. E. Blakey	
council enrgs, comm wk	22.80
R. D. Smallwood	
comm wk, super rds, cel mtgs	160.80
W. Stewart	
cel mtgs, comm wk, super rds	58.50
J. D. Collette	
cel mtgs, comm wk, super rds	116.10
A. A. Long	
labor div. 2 6.11, div. 3 8.25	14.44
S. C. Smallwood labor div 3	7.00
O. Halverson labor div 3	14.00
D. A. Glasgow labor div 3	37.75
Kasjen Bros. labor div 3	20.00
Hall Insurance Bd coll Oct 40	91.70
Irma SD 2435 coll Nov	35.48
Municipal Act comm ret	2.22
Dept Mun Aff coll Nov	501.54
Dept Mun Aff coll Nov	7.72
Wainwright mun hos	
Bethge family	219.50
Wainwright school div 32	
4th quarter requisition	3666.16
Wainwright mun hos div 17	
4th quarter requisition	311.50
J. D. Adams	

Annual Meeting
Irma Ladies Aid

Through severe weather and a lot of sickness the annual meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid was a very small gathering.

The meeting was held in the manse and Rev. Mr. Longmire had charge of the devotional period. He chose the Christmas story and gave a splendid and inspiring message.

A tenth of total receipts for the year was voted to the missionary and maintenance fund of the church. It was decided to sponsor a play to be ready early in the new year. Mrs. Tripp and Mr. Longmire were asked to be a committee to get books and arrange for same.

Mr. Longmire took the chair for the election of officers and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Ladies Aid who in spite of adverse conditions had carried on a very successful year. It was moved by Mrs. Longmire, seconded by Mrs. A. Peterson, that all the officers be reinstated by acclamation for another year. So that leaves the offices filled as follows: president, Mrs. Tripp; 1st vice president, Mrs. Arnold; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Reeds; treasurer, Mrs. Locke; secretary and press reporter, Mrs. Carter.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of Gordon Milford Whiteley, late of the Settlement of Fabyan in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Gordon Milford Whiteley who died on the twentieth day of October, A.D. 1940, are required to file with Roy Lamar Shotts, R.R. No. 2, Irma, Alberta, Executor of the said estate, by the twenty-first day of January, A.D. 1941, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Dated this 20th day of November, A.D. 1940.

J. A. MacKenzie,
Solicitor for the Executor,
Wainwright, Alberta.

6-13-20

last maintainer note div 3	93.65
last maintainer note div 1	137.50
Motion carried	
Receiver general of Canada \$1.00	
Moved by Mr. Kelly that council adjourn. Cd.	
Chas. Wilbraham, sec. treas.	

WITH THE
HOCKEY TEAMS

On Wednesday last the Oshindale puck chasers braved the cold weather to come to Irma and defeat the Irma Juniors to the tune of 2-0. Because of the extreme cold the game was played in 4 ten-minute periods.

On the following Saturday Roseberry and Irma Juniors locked horns on Irma ice. The weather was ideal and a large crowd turned out to watch the green and gold emerge on the long end of a 6-2 score.

From the starting whistle the Irma boys took over the play and time again broke through the Roseberry line by a series of fast passing plays. Despite many close plays around the Roseberry goal the first period was scoreless. B. Simmerman opened the scoring when he rifled home two goals within two minutes. A. Carter clinched a beautiful passing play to bring the total to 3. Roseberry then talked a hard earned goal to make the score 3-1 at the end of the second.

In the final period the Sonoff brothers Jim and Albert, and Phil Charter each tallied once while Roseberry bagged one more, thus making the final score 6-2.

The first senior hockey game to be played in Irma this season took place on Tuesday, Dec 17, before a fair crowd when the Viking team visited our town.

The game was interesting and very well played. This year it is necessary to use some junior players on the team but nevertheless they appear to be not too bad. The result of this game was Irma 4, Viking 3.

The lineups were as follows:

Viking: A. Street; W. Doris, V. Slavik, H. Kelly, L. Kelly, W. Ash, G. Ash, J. Ash, W. Hardy, McEachern and M. Runyon.

Irma: McEwen; E. Guitner, C. Jones, R. Congdon, F. Maguire, R. Smith, O. Hendricks, A. Glasgow, A. Sonoff, A. Carter, H. Guitner and P. Inklin.

Smith, Maguire and Hendricks scored for Irma. H. Kelly, G. Ash and L. Kelly scored for Viking.

Referee, R. L. Martin.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bethge sincerely thank all those who so kindly helped them in any way during the time of their recent sad bereavement and sickness. This assistance of friends and neighbors is deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethge and Children.

When bombs are falling on part of the world and many are saddened and distressed let us take heed and count our blessings with a united effort to win and together make Canada a better place to live in. We have diligently tried to bring to you the Spirit of Christmas and trust that this will be carried on through the coming year.

IRMA TRADING COMPANY
ELFORD'S

A Greeting of Good Will

To all men and women and their families we extend a greeting of good will in these times of anxiety and stress, a kind word, a pleasant smile and a friendly hand, will go so much and cost so little. Let us then resolve to make our lives and those around us happier by being happy and cheerful ourselves. So to all mankind we wish you and yours

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY, CHEERFUL NEW YEAR
The Imperial Lumber Co. Ltd.
H. L. BLACK, Agent



A. E. FOXWELL and STAFF

EXTEND TO YOU FRIENDLY GREETINGS
FOR CHRISTMAS AND JOY AND
PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR

We Thank You for Your Past Patronage

New Year's Eve
DANCE

Sponsored by Irma Junior Hockey Club
In KEIFER'S HALL IRMA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st At 9 p.m.
NOVELTIES DECORATIONS GOOD MUSIC
Admission: Gents 50c Ladies 25c

Faith In Freedom

Brave Deeds Performed Without Hope Of Reward Or Fame

It has been the "decadent" democracies that have produced the finest acts of courage in this war; the outraged British cruisers closing in on the Graf Spee; the Finnish infantry cutting Russian columns to pieces in the grim winter forests; French regiments misled, betrayed, holding their part of the line like a little Verdun against the German tanks and Stukas; British soldiers of the rear guard at Dunkerque and British civilians manning motor boats to take the defeated but not beaten army home; British men and women—ordinary, plain-faced people who used to make a fuss about a cut finger—crawling out of their bombarded homes with the magnificent gesture of the up-pointed thumb; the crew of the Jervis Bay fighting their unarmored vessel against the German pocket battleship; the airmen of the R.A.F. going up in all weathers, against all odds, day after day, night after night, to guard the homes and shores of Britain; the bomb squads methodically removing time-bombs that may explode at any moment.

It is the glory and splendor of these tremendous days that the brave deeds are done without hope of reward or fame. The commanding officer has no monopoly of the precious wealth of courage. It springs up everywhere, from the immemorial turf of ancient estates and from the mud and dust of streets. In the captive countries it must still exist. We know that men have died this year for liberty in Czechoslovakia, in Poland, in Norway, in The Netherlands, in Belgium, in France, in China, in the tumbled mountains of Western Greece, in many a weary mile of sea. The whole earth, in the noble words of the old Greek who would be proud of his countrymen to-day, is their sepulchre. Though no monument can carry all their names, their fame lives for evermore.

Shall we deny courage to the German flyers who come over London? Not at all. They have testified their willingness not only to destroy and to kill but to die. But this courage of the free is a different thing. It is not madness. It is not a fanatical yearning for death. It is not personal loyalty to a leader. It is faith, a living faith in freedom.

Where that faith did not exist soldiers laid down their arms and generals made base surrenders. Where it lives, and grows, and flames, no battle ever ends in a final defeat. Is democracy degenerate? Look around you. The gifted, the great, the humble, the unknown have given the answer, are giving it now as these words are written and read, in their own hearts' blood.—New York Times.

Historic Plane

Orville Wright's Kitty Hawk Packed In Cellar In England

An historic plane which was a forerunner of modern warfare—the frail contrivance flown by Orville and Wilbur Wright at Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1903—is packed in the deepest cellar of the Science Museum in South Kensington as a safeguard against German raids.

While 1940 fighters and bombers roar overhead, the old Wright plane lies in the cases in which it was brought to England from the United States.

"We think it secure enough against a blast which might be caused by anything dropping in the neighborhood," a museum official said.

There has been periodic agitation for the return of the craft to the United States as an historic treasure but the official explained "that is entirely a matter for Mr. Orville Wright to decide."

"It is still his plane," he added, "although he has lent it to the museum for an indefinite period."

Supplies From India

Details of India's wartime production were reported when the BBC said India now is supplying small arms for the Royal Air Force; coal for Greece and the middle east; canvas and khaki drill for Australia; other kinds of cloth for Iraq; engineering stores for Malta and vast quantities of lumber.

Besides all his other accomplishments, Leonardo da Vinci, the famous painter, was a "strong man," capable of bending iron bars with his bare hands.

During the first eleven months of war Canada bought 18,000,000 yards of woollen and cotton cloth for her armed forces.

The line of perpetual snow varies from 19,000 feet high in the Himalaya Mountains to sea level in Spitzbergen.

Honour Dead Of Historic Battle

Bronze Tablet To Be Placed On Brock Monument At Queenston Heights

Stirring days in Canada's early history were recalled when a bronze tablet bearing the names of those who gave their lives in the Battle of Queenston Heights on October 13, 1812, was placed on the Brock Monument. This well known and impressive monument was erected in 1855 in commemoration of the civil and military services of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, who was killed in action during this historic engagement. Inscriptions relate that General Brock and his staff-officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonell are buried in the vault beneath. The massive monument is visible for many miles, and each year is visited by thousands of people from all parts of the world.

Recently the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, which co-operates with the Department of Mines and Resources in the marking of national historic sites, compiled a list of the names of members of the regular army, the Canadian militia, and the Indian warriors who were killed in the battle of Queenston Heights. This list was prepared from records in the War Office in London and the Public Archives in Ottawa, and the tablet was unveiled on October 12 last, 128 years after the battle, in an impressive ceremony arranged by the Niagara Historical Society. Detachments from the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, the Dufferin and Halton Regiment, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were present. Professor Fred London, of the University of Western Ontario, represented the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, and an outstanding feature of the ceremony was an address delivered by Mr. W. F. Powless, an Indian of the Six Nations Reserve, Brantford, who spoke with much eloquence.

Must Undergo Change

Germany Will Have To Set Up A New Set Of Morals And Values

Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Vansittart, senior diplomatic adviser to the British government, said in a broadcast that Germany will have to undergo a "complete change of heart, and adopt a new set of morals and values," if it is to live with other nations of the world.

"The world must never again take anything for granted in Germany, or be led by its illusions," he said. "Before the war, people wanted to be the best of Germany, but they failed to see ahead."

There had been Germans who hated the Nazi regime," he said, but "we are not dealing with individuals."

"The German often has a moral character—the Germans never. And it is the Germans who count."

Hitler was the "natural product" of a nation which had been weak since the best of Germany, but they failed to see ahead.

"The real German reformation is yet to come," Sir Robert said. "There have been reformers in the past, but they have always been a weak minority."

Germany's past had been both "plain and ugly," and the ground had been prepared for Nazism before Hitler came to power, "and sowed the dragons' teeth."

No Lord Mayor's Show

Traditional Ceremony In London Was Omitted This Year

Sir George Wilkinson, London's new Lord Mayor, who was elected at the Guildhall a few weeks ago with the usual ceremony, caused no surprise, when he said that there would be no Lord Mayor's Show, and that his year of office would be almost bare of formal entertaining. Sir George is 56, and will be the youngest Lord Mayor within living memory. By dispensing with the Lord Mayor's Show and the banquet at the Guildhall, Sir George may well find that events permit him to live within his allowance of £12,500. In peace time a Lord Mayor reckons that his year of office costs him something over £10,000 of his own fortune.

Farming Fifty Years Ago

Old-timers on the Canadian prairie are recalling the harvest season of 1887, when the first real bumper crop was harvested. There were few elevators; freight cars were scarce and no facilities for storage on the farms; yet those pioneers were resourceful enough to buy jute sacks for the grain and pile them at the nearest siding. It finally reached the lakehead and most of it graded No. 1 hard.

Before knitting and weaving were invented leg coverings or stockings were made of leather.

KING AND QUEEN CHEER LONDONERS IN SHELTERS



Their Majesties the King and Queen paid a surprise visit to one of London's bombproof shelters the other day, and were photographed, above, as they spoke to one of the cooks, who helps provide cheap meals for people bombed out of their homes.

Closely Guarded Secret

Spy Bomb Sight Finds Its Target With Great Accuracy

The Sperry bomb sight is believed to be one of the most accurate in the world and was the United States' most closely guarded military secret.

Results of bombing practices by United States air squadrons never are made public but it is known extreme accuracy has been obtained on small targets such as ships from heights as high as 20,000 feet. Its accuracy was said to be such that dive-bombing, as practised by German airmen, is unnecessary.

After each bombing practice by American squadrons, the sight is removed from every plane participating and is locked in a vault guarded by sentries. To avoid revealing construction secrets, parts of the bomb sight were built at several separate plants, none of which had the complete plan.

The only comparable sight to the Sperry mechanism is the Norden sight, manufactured by the Norden company and developed by the American navy. It now is standard equipment on planes in both branches of the American forces.

Odd Custom

History is interesting and at times ridiculous. For instance, the Great Buddha at Karmakura, Japan, wears 830 curls upon its majestic head. The curls according to legend represent snails which once crawled upon the original god to shield his bald pate from the sun.

At one time, British ships were grouped in six ratings, according to the number of guns they carried. "First rate" came from a naval term belonging to that period.

Finland's air force is now at its peak of efficiency and fighting power. Planes ordered during the war with Russia at its height a year ago, arrived after peace was made.

The less a man boasts the more true power he possesses.

Demand For Eggs

10,500,000 Dozen Shipped To Britain In Ten Month Period

Canadian shipments of eggs to Great Britain in the first 10 months of 1940 totalled more than 350,000 cases or 10,500,000 dozen eggs, compared with 1,024,070 dozen eggs shipped to the United Kingdom in 1939, the agriculture department announced.

"There still exists this year an opportunity to ship an additional quantity under the last British treasury sanctions for the purchase of eggs in Canada," the department stated.

"With respect to the prospects of the Canadian poultry industry in general, it is already apparent that as a result of increased industrial activity throughout Canada, there is a marked increase in demand for eggs on the domestic market and indications are that this will be accelerated during the coming year," said the department.

Gifts Appreciated

Navy Men Are Grateful For Contributions From Red Cross

Lieut. Commander Earl Beatty, of the Royal Navy, son of the late Admiral Earl Beatty, said at a Canadian Red Cross luncheon in Toronto that he hopes "you will tell every Red Cross branch in Canada that you heard the praise of a navy man who has seen your gifts and knows how much they are appreciated by every sailor. When I was in England five weeks ago I saw Red Cross supplies of woollen comforts go out to men on minesweepers and contraband control ships."

Factory sales of pig iron, ferro-alloys, steel ingots and castings, and finished rolled products in Canada were valued at \$75,834,481 in 1939, an increase of 27 per cent. over 1938.

The motorist's with the worst manners in the world are the ones who drive the other cars.

Aluminum Foil

Will Not Be Used In Canada In Future

Aluminum foil will not be used in Canada after the first of the year for wrapping cigarettes, confectionery and other goods, it was learned at the department of munitions and supply.

A spokesman for the department said it had not been necessary to issue a ban on such use of aluminum since a voluntary agreement was reached with foil manufacturing companies to employ a substitute.

He said G. C. Bateman, metals controller, called in representatives of the foil companies and told them all available aluminum was needed for war purposes such as manufacture of airplanes. He asked the companies to take the matter up with their customers. "Aluminum does not have a substitute which would be used. Presumably the manufacturers would go back to wrapping with tinfoil."

More Advantages

The Democracies have an industrial advantage over Germany "in the long run," according to the International Labor Review which was issued from Montreal for the first time. The International Labor Office is a branch of the League of Nations and formerly had its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

A wife is one who decides they can't afford a \$200 trip, and besides she'd rather put \$50 with it and buy a coat.

It is said that the venom of the black widow spider is about 15 times more potent than that of the rattlesnake.

A tiger, says an explorer, is a better fighter than a lion.

Vegetable growers in Cuba are more prosperous than ever before.

Falcons have been known to live to the age of 180 years.

Salvaging Ships

Shipping Losses Not Always As Bad As They Appear

News of British shipping losses is not always as bad as it seems. When merchant ships are announced as victims of enemy action a proportion may live to sail another day—thanks to salvage experts of the admiralty.

Whenever a vessel is mined, bombed or torpedoed near the British coast in a position which offers these tough seagoing "wreckers" a sporting chance, they start to work.

They do so with three objects:

1. To refloat the vessel and bring her into port.

2. If the vessel can't be saved, to salvage as much of her cargo as possible.

3. If both vessel and cargo are beyond hope, to remove as much valuable scrap iron as possible.

One ship which struck a mine in this district was a considerable distance off shore and lay in an exposed position. But the sea was calm and the salvage men went to work. The cargo of cereals was removed and when dried and de-salted made excellent fodder. A temporary patch was put over the hole beneath the waterline where the mine had struck and the wreck was towed into port for dry-docking.

"It's really dangerous work when you get an exposed wreck some way off shore. My men risk being attacked by the Jerries while they are at work," said the chief salvage officer.

Taking Job For Granted

Many Who Become Careless Find Themselves Out Of Work

Smith took his job for granted. Ten years before, he started with the firm as stenographer. Ambitious, efficient, painstaking, he was soon promoted to the sales force and within five years acquired headed for ultimate partnership.

Then something happened. Smith became careless and indifferent. He was frequently late for appointments, overstayed his time at lunch, assumed a "don't-care" attitude, and shirked his work generally. Smith was slipping.

Due at the office at nine o'clock, he began to saunter in half an hour late. One morning he came in at a quarter to ten. His employer said: "Smith, you should have been here at nine o'clock."

"Why," responded Smith, "what happened then?"

"Smith, you're fired!" Smith was stunned. It was unbelievable. The firm couldn't get along without him. He was indispensable. It must be a joke.

But the bald fact stared him in the face. He was discharged—out of a job—not wanted. Ten years of his life wasted, and all because . . .

You know the type. The man who is so sure of himself that he relaxes his efforts, thinks he is entitled to take things easy, no longer creates useful ideas, gets into a job rut—in short, fails to take his job seriously.

Thousands of men are just like Smith. Careless, wilful, self-satisfied, they go on from day to day, seemingly secure in their job until one day the axe falls and they are out on the street.

Success is achieved only through efficient and unremitting effort. The road is straight, often difficult and discouraging, but those who follow it persistently and intelligently, in due time receive recognition and reward.

This Cowboy Is Different

Wooden Model Can Be Taken Apart Like Jigsaw Puzzle

Six months ago Frank Cooper, of Pueblo, Colo., got a hankerin' to do some wood whittlin'. So he got a piece of sugar pine and began to cut out a cowboy ridin' a bronc.

Four hundred hours later young Cooper had a finished cowboy, colored with water-paints and everything.

The wooden cowboy was something different. First the rider could be taken off the horse. The hat, chaps and spurs could be taken off the rider. Then the saddle and hackamore would come off the horse.

It almost took a jig-saw artist to put the cowboy and horse together again.

British scientists say that a plate glass window within 200 feet of a bomb explosion has little chance of survival.

Our ancestors reckoned time by nights and winters, hence "fortnight," a contraction of 14 nights.

Army life is an education in itself. If you don't know beans you soon will.

MRS. SMUTS GREETES GUESTS EN ROUTE TO AUSTRALIA



Mrs. J. C. Smuts, wife of the South African Prime Minister, was at the docks at Cape Town when British evacuee children arrived for a short stopover before continuing on to Australia. We see the happy youngsters handing autograph albums to Mrs. Smuts for her signature.

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The Park Lane Mystery

By Edgar Wallace

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CHAPTER XXVI

"They kept him here," whispered Ellenbury. He seemed afraid of the sound of his own voice.

Jim saw another steel door at the farther end of the room; it had no bolt only a tiny keyhole. And then his attention was diverted.

"Look!"

Exercising all his strength, the little man pulled at the wardrobe and it swung out like a gate on a hinge. Behind was an oblong door.

As Elk listened, he heard the distant whine of the elevator in motion. "To what room did he take her?" asked Jim huskily. "We searched everywhere."

"Mrs. Edwins'! There is a dress cupboard, but the back is a false one. There is a small room behind it. Why didn't they put her in the pit and hide her? It would have been better."

"We've got to get out of here, and quick," said Elk, and looked round for the means of escape. "Penultimate joke hasn't raised a laugh yet—looks like the penultimate joke's gone! To put my relations in mourning!"

He tried to climb one of the greasy hydraulic cylinders, but although with the assistance of Jim he managed to touch the platform, he could derive little comfort from his achievement. The platform was of steel and concrete. Neither knew anything of the mechanism of an hydraulic lift, and indeed the controls were out of reach under a locked steel grating.

The door behind the wardrobe was the only possible means of egress. Elk searched the car, and the tool chest beneath.

"We're safe for a bit—he'd be scared of using any kind of gas for fear there was a blow-up and he hasn't the means of manufacturing something quick and sudden. Carlton did you notice anything in the house?"

"I noticed many things. To which do you refer?"

"Notice that we never saw Mrs. Edwins or Edwards, or whatever her name was, after the old man said 'get'."

"That fact had not occurred to Jim; though they had searched the house from roof to basement, he had not seen the hard-faced woman again."

"Where she is," said Elk, "the other feller can be—what's the name—Marling? And I pretty well know where that was—in the little elevator!"

It was true! Jim had seen the elevator when Harlow waited upon the top floor, but after that it had disappeared. It was the easiest thing in the world to slip from floor to floor missing the little search party.

The door was immovable; he could secure no leverage, and, even if he had, it was unlikely that it would yield.

They must attack the concrete-

covered brick work. This was the only section of the wall that was not built of stone. Fortunately for them, there were 'tool chests' in all the cars, and moreover, in one of the machines was a big car jack the steel lever of which they disconnected and used as a crowbar.

The work was an anodyne to Jim Carlton's jangled nerves, set further on edge every time he saw the white face of Ellenbury.

The lawyer crouched by the bed, watching them and muttering all the time under his breath. Once, in a pause, Jim heard him:

"You can't measure principles with a yardstick; just a beautiful girl! And very young!" And then he started weeping softly.

"Don't notice him!" snarled Elk. "Get on with the work!"

To move only an inch of concrete was an arduous and difficult business, and not without its danger if the sound were heard by the master of the house. But after an hour's work they cleared a square foot of the hard plaster and revealed the brick lining beneath. Using screw drivers for chisels, they managed to dislodge the first brick in the course and enlarge the hole. The second brick work was easier; but now the necessity for caution was brought home to them dramatically.

Jim was fitting the jagged edge of his driver into a small hole in the mortar when a muffled voice almost at his elbow, said:

"Leave them alone; they can wait until tomorrow."

It was Harlow, and Jim almost jumped.

But the phenomenon had a simple explanation. His voice had been carried down the shaft of the lift, which had acted as a speaking tube. They heard a gate slam, again came the whine of the motor, and the lift stopped just above them, the gate was fastened again, and by a trick of acoustics Jim could hear the man's foot tapping on the tiled floor of the vestibule.

They had till the morning; that was a comfort. Working and listening at intervals they dislodged the inner brick, drew it out, and there was a jagged hole through which a lean man might wriggle. Jim was that lean man. He found himself in the greasy pit of the elevator shaft, stumbling over beams and pulleys in a darkness which was unrelieved by a single ray from above. He reached back into the room for his lamp and made an inspection. The bottom of the lift was at least twelve feet above where he stood, and depending were the elevator cables, by which the elevator car controlled. Reaching up, he could just touch the lowest of the loops. He told Elk the position, and all the car cushions that could be gathered were thrust through the hole and piled by Jim, one on top of the other.

Balancing himself on these, he took a steady grip of the cable and rested his weight. The wires held. Pulling himself up, hand over hand, he managed to reach a thick steel bar which connected with the safety brake, and began to push the elevator floor, hoping to find a trap door. But evidently this little lift was too small for a "mechanic's trap," the floor did not yield under his pressure, and he was debating whether he should drop on to the cushions when he heard a quick step in the vestibule, a heavy foot stepped into the lift and the gate slammed. In another second he was mounting rapidly. On the top floor the lift stopped with a jerk which almost loosened his hold, though he had braced his feet upon the dangling cables below.

The upper floors were not of the height of the two lower. As he hung, his knee was on a level with the top of the elevator entrance to the second floor. There was a foot ledge there, and if he could reach it, it would be a simple matter to climb over the tiny grille. It was worth trying. Gently he slid down the cable until, swinging his feet, he could just touch the six inches of floor space between the pit and the grille. Then, concentrating all his strength, he leaped forward, snatching at the breast-high gate—his feet slipping from under him. He recovered in a second and was over the top.

He crept noiselessly up the stairs and was almost detected by the tall woman who was standing on the landing, her ear to the closed door of the room in which he suspected Allenbury was a prisoner. From where he stood concealed by a turn of the stairs, he could hear Harlow's voice raised in complaint. "It was so vulgarly theatrical! I'm not annoyed, I'm hurt! To write messages on a card was stupid . . . and with a pin. If I had known." There was an agitated, murmured

reply, and then unexpectedly Harlow laughed.

"Well, well, you're a foolish fellow; that is all I have to say to you. And you must never do such a thing again. Luckily the police couldn't read your writing."

Jim had almost forgotten the existence of the bearded man. He heard the door open and went quickly down the stairs until he was in the vestibule. The hands of the little silver clock over the marble mantelpiece pointed to 5.

The lift was coming down again, and crouching back into a recess, Jim saw the big man pass into the library. The door shut behind him.

In a second the detective was in the elevator and had pressed the top button.

If Allenbury were there, he would find her; he dared not allow himself even to debate the sanity of the little man he had left in the garage.

She was here—dead?

He closed his eyes to shut out the horrid picture that the lawyer had drawn—the ax—the pit—

Just as the elevator reached the top floor something happened.

For a few seconds Carlton did not grasp the explanation. The two lights in the roof of the lift went out, and down below something flashed blue.

—Jim saw the lightning flicker of it.

He pushed at the grille which, on the top floor alone, reached from ceiling to floor. It did not budge. He kicked at the gates, but they were of hammered steel.

Trapped for a second time in three hours, Jim swore softly through his teeth. He heard the street door close below and silence.

"Elk!"

From a distance came Elk's hollow answer.

"He has cut out a fuse—can you climb to the hall?"

"I'll try."

Facing where he stood, caged and impatient, was the door of Mrs. Edwins' room and as he looked he saw the handle turning slowly . . . slowly.

Mrs. Edwins'! She had been left behind then. . . .

The door opened a little . . . a little more, and then Allenbury

looked in. "Elk!" he cried hoarsely.

She looked at him, gripping the gate, his haggard face against the bars.

"The philanthropist constable," she said, bravely flippant, and then, "please—take me home!"

"Who brought you here?" he asked, hardly believing the evidence of his senses.

"I came of my own free will—oh, Jim, he's such a darling!"

"God!" groaned the man in the cage, "I never noticed it!"

(To Be Continued)

British Pilot Was Unarmed

Dived on Italian Bomber And Entire Crew Bailed Out

Dr. Bertram Thomas, O.B.E., world traveller, author, soldier and authority on Mediterranean affairs, spoke to a Calgary service club and told the following story:

A British pilot, serving with the R.A.F. in Egypt, was ordered to fly over the Italian lines in Libya and photograph enemy concentrations. For this particular type of photography it was necessary to fly at an altitude of 30,000 feet, but the heavy British he used was incapable of such climbing.

It became necessary to strip the plane of all heavy equipment, even including the machine guns.

Thus unarmed, the Britisher started out. When he got above his objective, he saw below him a light Italian bomber. Although unarmed, the pilot could not resist the temptation to dive on the Italian.

He did so, and when he got to within machine gun range, he was astonished to see the entire crew of seven Italians bail out in parachutes.

The R.A.F. man realized he could not return to the mess in Cairo with such a "tall story," so he flew down to ground levels and photographed the crashed Italian airplane for convincing proof.

The story was told to Dr. Thomas by a British naval officer.

Boy Scouts Kept Busy

One hundred and sixty-eight incendiary bombs fell on a large Boy Scout camping and training ground in England during a recent air raid. Some of them fell in fields and hedgerows, others on houses and outbuildings. Clad in pyjamas and armed with shovels and buckets, the Scouts had all fires under control by daylight.

Being lung breathers, whales must come to the surface to breathe, so their horizontal tail fins, or flukes, make it easy for the mammal to go up or down.

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Sling Shots And Old Gun Helped in Defence of Greece

The battle cry "aera" rang over the snowy slopes of the Pindus mountains where Greece's crack highland troops—the skirted Evzones—were fighting the Italian invader. In polite Greek, "aera" means "make room." In battle, it means "Get the hell out of here."

The Evzones are natives of the mountains and a wounded Evzone sergeant, his bullet-riddled leg in a bad sling, told the correspondent of their fighting spirit.

"We had been surprised by the first attack of the bersagliers who had driven up a ravine," he said. "The commanding officer sent runners for help to headquarters and three hours later word arrived that help was coming up through the pass."

"We were amazed to see hundreds of old men and boys armed with hunting guns and blunderbuses, many of them left over from the Turkish war, who begged us to let them fight because they wanted to revenge the 17 in their village who had been killed by Italian bombing planes."

"Those peasants with the long-barrelled guns were wonderful. They didn't waste a single shot. The shepherds used their sling shots to throw grenades. They were throwing at Alpine mule teams bringing up mountain guns. The bersagliers tried to scale the sides of the ravine when the grenading got too hot, and we used our bayonets, while the peasants used their knives."

The Evzones won their fame and made "Aera" resound through southern Europe in the Balkan war. The word was used when the Turks nicknamed them "The Devil Troops." Literally translated, Evzones means "waisted." It was applied to the Highlanders because of the flared tunics of their uniforms.

Secret Polish Organization

Printed Fake German Passports So Polish Officers Could Escape

German newspapers from occupied Poland give an account of the trial before a special tribunal at Poznan of Poles accused of printing fake German passports and other documents.

The Polish telegraphic agency, in commenting on the trial, said it indicated the existence of a secret Polish organization to supply identity papers to Poles active in anti-German sabotage.

Two Poles, one of them a printer, were sentenced to death and many others received long prison terms.

The Nazi newspapers said the organization, which was discovered in May, succeeded in issuing more than 150 passports which enabled Polish officers and other patriots to leave Poznan and reach Warsaw, in the "government general" area of Poland, safely.

The secret printing establishment also issued more than 200 cards of membership in a German group in Poznan, which enabled Polish agents to penetrate German party organizations and the trades unions.

The Way Of The Motorist

Firting With Danger At The Railway Crossing

A motorist played the role of a fool and beat an engineer to a railway crossing because the engineer refused to play with him. He stopped the train instead, rather than depend on the flimsy judgment of a breed he has come to know too well.

The motorist thinks he won. So does the man who looks down the wrong end of an "unloaded" shotgun barrel.

When motorists achieve anything like the speed-sense, distance-sense and plain horse sense that railroad engineers exercise every day, they will be equipped to race for crossings. But by that time they will know better than to try.—Vancouver Sun.

Wool is being shipped thousands of miles from New Zealand to Britain to be made into military uniforms.

There are over 1,000 varieties of potatoes, says a London expert.

Those mail order catalogues are bright and interesting but they never build anything locally.

Art Of Camouflage

More Effective And Speedier Methods Needed In Britain

More effective and speedier camouflage of important industrial properties and fortified points in Britain must be carried out, a sub-committee of the select committee on national expenditure urged in its report.

The sub-committee was not satisfied with the rate at which vital industrial points are being camouflaged or that arrangements for controlling design or the camouflage of fortified posts proved satisfactory.

The testimony of the (government) departmental witnesses with the longest experience of camouflage of all kinds was emphatic that certain specimens of camouflage of this kind of building were absurd and could not be regarded as camouflage at all, the committee held. It blamed any errors on the hitherto insufficient number of officers specially qualified for the work. That number has now been increased.

Cases were brought to the committee's notice where private practitioners had camouflaged industrial premises. Some of their attempts were futile and might be dangerous. The committee learned such firms now had gone out of existence.

The committee called for a single camouflage organization—instead of ours as at present—with its own research staff and administered by the ministry of home security.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

GIFTS AND GIVING

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.—Balfour.

What is called liberality is often merely the vanity of giving.—La Rochefoucauld.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variation, neither shadow of turning.—James 1:17.

Certain occasions, considered either collectively or individually and observed properly, tend to give the activity of man infinite scope; but mere merry-making or needless gift-giving is not that in which human capacities find the most appropriate and proper exercise.—Mary Baker Eddy.

It is the will, and not the gift that makes the giver.—Lessing.

The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.—Martin Luther.

Study Meteorites

Colorado School Of Mines To Analyze Collection

For the first time in the United States, college students will get a chance to analyze a collection of meteorites in the classroom.

Three alumni of the Colorado School of Mines presented the institution with 180 meteorites ranging from pure nickel-iron alloys to all sorts of stony structures.

Although other colleges have meteorites in museums, school officials at Golden, Colorado, said that for the first time students in classrooms will study stones in connection with weather forecasting, aeronautics and ballistics.

"Blankets of jam" are made by the Syrians of the Holy Land. They form apricot jam into yard squares and dry the squares in the sun.

A cake will not sink during baking if a pint of water is placed in a vessel at the back of the oven.

Insurance statistics show women live longer than men, again proving paint is a good preserver.

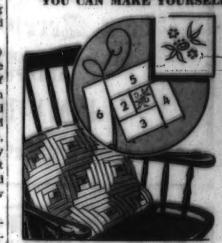
The worst enemy of labor is a workman who will not work.

About one-third of the 1,000 volcanoes on the earth are active.

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HOME SERVICE

HERE ARE PRETTY GIFTS YOU CAN MAKE YOURSELF



Log-Cabin Pillow From Scraps

Anyone would love this gay log-cabin pillow—but what reward thanks you'll receive if you give it to a friend with a liking for the early American.

Use odds and ends of colorful material; red, blue and beige are a pretty combination. As for the nine log-cabin squares, you make them this simple way.

Cut strips of fabric one inch wide, first drawing threads to insure accuracy. Then press strips fold in half and fold again, making 1/4-inch lines as guides for seams.

For a centre for each "log cabin," cut a 1 1/2-inch square of beige and embroider with French knots as in top diagram. Now sew strips on in the order shown in lower diagram, keeping one color, red, to the right of centre square, the other, blue, to the left. Each square will have 12 strips. Then sew completed squares together, attach to back of plain blue or red.

Another attractive gift you can make as easily and inexpensively is a sewing stand—from a cheesebox. Complete directions for these and many other delightful gifts are given in our 32-page booklet. Tells how to make a utility handkerchief box, a clever two-way screen, a toy chest, many more items.

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The following booklets are also available at 15c each:

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- 112—"Secrets of Successful Candy Making"
- 184—"Party Games for All Occasions"
- 178—"Decorative and Useful Objects Everyone Can Make"
- 165—"How to Weave Useful Novelties"
- 161—"New Ideas in Making Curtains and Draperies"

British Refugee Children

Expect That Thousands More Will Come To Canada In Future

R. Keith "Jopson, British representative in Canada of the children's overseas reception board, said that he is confident that thousands of British war guests children will arrive in Canada when winter storms on the Atlantic are past.

Only 1,500 children have been brought to Canada thus far, but according to official estimates there are possible foster homes in Canada for between 10,000 and 15,000 children.

"In Britain we have 24,000 lined up waiting, as well as a quarter of a million applications, so that once the transportation problem is solved there is no reason why any Canadian home that wants a child should be disappointed," he said.

World's Largest Bee Farm

The world's largest bee farm is the one in Germany employing 3,000 persons—and they're not interested in honey. They extract bee stings, put them in capsule form and market them as treatments for rheumatism and arthritis.

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Municipal District of Kinsella, No. 424.



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VIKING ITEMS

The Viking schools will close on Friday of this week for the holiday vacation and re-open again on January 2nd.

Const. Clark, R.C.M.P., Edmonton, has taken over the local detachment which Const. Tait has had charge of since last July. Const. Tait is leaving for Edmonton this week.

According to the daily press, W. H. Wallace, provincial game commissioner, has been suspended from his duties while an investigation is being held in his department.

Mrs. J. L. Slavik visited her daughter, Miss Josephine in Edmonton this week, who is a nurse in the General hospital.

W. C. Bissell presided at the annual meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association of Alberta held in Edmonton last week of which he was president during the past year. He is succeeded by J. R. Love, formerly of Irma, but now farming near Edmonton. Mr. Bissell was retained on the executive as one of the directors. Mr. Bissell is also president of the Hereford Breeders' Association. He was accompanied to the city by Mrs. Bissell.

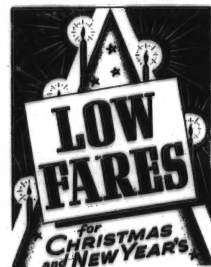
Mrs. N. C. Graham spent a few days in Edmonton last week as guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Horton, Ardus, Neil and Glen, enjoyed a motor trip to Edmonton last Saturday.

Mrs. F. A. Miller of Wainwright, was a visitor in town last Thursday. Saturday, December 21st, is the shortest day of the year. From then on the days begin to lengthen at about 30 seconds per day until June 21st.

Little Doreen Draper had the "thrill of a lifetime" last Thursday evening when accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Dwight Draper of Philips district, and Mr. A. L. Bashor, representative of the Robin Hood Flour Mills, spoke briefly over radio station CFCB in Edmonton. The occasion was the presentation to her of the cash prize won in a "mystery tune contest" which is a feature of the Robin Hood Flour Mills over a nation wide hook-up each Thursday evening. Mr. Bashor in a brief speech made the presentation and little Doreen's voice could be heard quite distinctly thanking the donors for the prize, and she also sent greetings to her father and several friends in the community. It all was a very happy occasion. This was the fourth prize won by customers in Mr. Bashor's territory within the past few weeks and of course he feels pretty good about it and hopes many others will be as lucky as little Doreen.

"The American has begun to question the validity of the doctrine that the ruthless destruction of Christian ethics beyond the frontiers of our own great continent is no affair of his."—Hon. James R. Cromwell.



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LIFE OF SEEDS

How long do seeds remain alive? Certainly not from ancient Egyptian times until now. Reports of the germination of "mummy" wheat are called fables by botanists.

The seeds of some plants naturally have a long life-span, while the seeds of others are very short lived. Seeds of some members of the pea family may remain viable for over 100 years, while willow and poplar seeds rarely live for more than a week under natural conditions. The life-span of any seed is materially affected by the conditions of storage. In 1924, a French botanist secured 30 seeds of the Senna plant from a collection made in 1776. These seeds were so precious that only two were tested. Both germinated after lying in a herbarium case for 154 years. The same unusual reports that of ten Mimosa seeds 81 years old, five germinated. An English botanist obtained 24 seeds of germination in red clover seed 81 years old. It is difficult to secure accurate records of seed buried in soil. However, a Japanese botanist reports 100 percent germination in seeds of the Oriental Lotus flower buried for at least 120 years. Seeds of wheat, oats and barley often germinate well until about ten years old, after which the percentage of germination falls off sharply. However, due to adverse conditions during ripening and harvesting, the germination of new seed may be low. It is always wise to make a germination test before sowing.

PASSPORT AIDS

ARRANGED BY A.M.A.

Aid to motorists who are planning to cross the international border and have to comply with new United States passport regulations is to be provided by the Edmonton branch of the Alberta Motor Association.

In numerous cases, motorists have found that serious delays occurred when their passports were not in order. Some of these people have suffered inconveniences and trouble at the border, all of which might have been avoided by taking the necessary steps to meet the regulations before leaving on the trip.

These new U.S. regulations require passports from persons who are British born subjects or Canadians who were naturalized since 1918.

During this winter, when motorists will be obliged to enter the United States when travelling from Alberta to British Columbia or if going to eastern Canada, it is evident that passports must be obtained.

The Edmonton branch of the A.M.A. is prepared to give a new service, providing definite information as how to obtain a passport and advising if the passport is in proper order. There is no difficulty in obtaining a passport and much time and inconvenience will be saved by motorists availing themselves of the service offered by the A.M.A.

ALBERTA BOYS "GRAIN KINGS"

Francis Lloyd Rigby, 22 year old youth, from Wembley, Alberta, won first prize with his wheat exhibit at the Chicago International Livestock and Grain Show. Paul Pawlowski of Vilna won first prize with his exhibit of oats. He is 23 years old.

At the Wheat Pool delegates' convention a resolution of congratulations to these youthful champions was passed on motion of Fred Dawson of Vilna, seconded by Uri Powell of Sarnia.

Both of these boys were members of the Alberta Junior Grain Clubs, and Lloyd Rigby in commenting on his win, claimed that success was due to "training I received through the Alberta Junior Wheat Clubs, co-operation of my parents, and the soil in the Peace River area."

Lloyd Rigby is now taking an agricultural course at the university of Alberta. When he finishes his course he does not expect to farm as he believes farmers are "underpaid, overworked, vacationless, and don't get a chance to enjoy life."

Lloyd Rigby has won the world's wheat championship for three years in succession.

"There never was a time when the French-Canadian had a greater opportunity to prove his loyalty to the —A. L. Caron.

"Democracy and the rights granted under democracy can only be maintained by ever vigilant and vigorous effort."—Hon. A. L. Macdonald.

"Hitler is far from his plan of finishing the war in one year."—Madame Genevieve Thibault.



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Lest We Forget

WHILE we celebrate this Season of Goodwill in comfort, our
brothers, sisters and comrades across the sea live 'neath the
shadow of death . . . death let loose from the skies by the monstrous
hordes of Nazidom and Paganism.

At this season we are particularly reminded of the debt we owe to
those whose service and sacrifice make it possible for us to enjoy our
Christmas midst the carefree happiness of children and fond parents . . .
those valiant men who patrol the skies, man the ships, stand by the guns,
and place their all — even unto life itself, between us and the enemy.

How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to Save every dollar that we can and lend it to
Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and
equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our
civilization.

Our savings should be invested in War Savings Certificates, and we
should continue to save and invest in War Savings Certificates until
Victory is won.

The widow's mite counts as much as the more fortunate ones' plenty,
as evidence of service, sacrifice and determination.

So then, whatever else you do at this Christmas season, save and
invest in War Savings Certificates. The very consciousness of your
service in the Defence of your homeland will make greater your
personal enjoyment of Christmas.

W. H. Somerville and de Gaspé Beaubien, Joint National Chairman, War Savings Committee, Ottawa

The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

Many farmers who are interested
in the new rust-resistant varieties of
wheat, Renown, Thatcher and Apex,
and the most recent variety of all,
Regent, are asking whether Registered
seed of these varieties can now be
purchased. The situation is as follows:

There will be available for purchase
by any farmer this coming
spring first and second generation
registered Apex, Renown and Thatcher.
It is doubtful, however, whether
or there will be any registered Regent
for sale until the spring of 1941.

There are however quantities available
of very fine specially selected
Regent of the certified grade, and of
course there are also large quantities
of certified Apex, Renown and Thatcher.
Registered seed of these new
varieties contain less impurities than
certified seed; in addition the registered
strains are true-to-variety to a
higher degree than the certified.

A farmer needing a small quantity
of these new rust-resistant varieties
should purchase registered seed if he
can, for the extra cost of a few bushels
of registered over certified would come
to very little. Even farmers who
purchase large quantities of certified
seed would be well advised to purchase
in addition a few bushels of
registered of the same variety to be
sown on clean summerfallow.

CREDIT HOUSES DEFICIT \$374,508 IN TWO YEARS

Edmonton, Dec. 10 — Deficit of
\$374,508 on operations of provincial
government treasury branches in the
past two years is disclosed in the
public accounts for the fiscal year
ended March 31 last, which were re-
leased today. There is a some 30 of

these treasury branches in the province.

For the 1939-40 fiscal year the deficit
was \$311,810, while the loss in
the previous year was \$62,692.

Revenue in the last fiscal year
amounted to \$24,482, made up of \$24,
018 in commission and exchange earnings
and \$364 for sundry revenue.

On the expenditure side in the last
fiscal year, salaries were the big
item, amount for \$141,274. Paid out
in depositors' bonuses was at total of
\$25,627. (This is the 3 per cent bonus
paid monthly when not less than one-
third of a customer's total monthly
purchases are Alberta-made goods.)

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The following is the copy of a letter
received from the Salvation Army.

Edmonton, Alta.,
Nov. 28, 1940.

Mr. E. W. Carter, Sec.-Treas.,
Village of Irma,
Irma, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Will you please convey to the Village
of Irma our hearty thanks for
their kind co-operation in sponsoring
a financial appeal in the Irma community
on behalf of the Salvation
Army National War and Home Services.

We are pleased to enclose our official
receipt for the sum of \$56.57,
being net income from the subscription
lists, also individual receipts for
donors of \$1.00 or more. We are
much encouraged in our efforts for
the enlisted forces by the active aid
rendered by the citizens on the home
front. Your financial help will very
materially aid in the effectiveness
of our efforts for the troops overseas.

Thanking all who actively assisted
in the above named sum being realized.

Yours very truly,
John Steele, Adjutant.



We want to wish you all a year of health
and happiness and the merriest Christmas
you ever had

GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

SATHER'S SUPER SERVICE

TRAVEL BY BUS

WEEK-END EXCURSIONS ON ALL LINES

Leave Irma daily, going West 7:45 a.m.

Leave Irma daily, going East 8:10 p.m.

Charter a bus for your next party trip. Find the
low cost and added pleasure

GET MORE FOR YOUR TRAVEL DOLLAR
BY BUS

Sunburst Motor Coaches Ltd.

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MAID..

But

...FORGOT
THE WAXED PAPER

The maid was lax in her methods of handling foods, so she let her out. But though ever so fussy about clean dishes, she forgot that waxed paper too must be conveniently pure.

Don't make the same mistake—waxed paper makes intimate contact with what you eat.

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A Long, Hard Road, But Final Victory Has Never Been In Doubt

Percy J. Philip, Ottawa correspondent of the New York Times, began his address to the Toronto Empire Club recently with the flat statement he was sure Britain would win the war, but he added: "It is going to be a very long, grim business."

Mr. Philip, for 20 years head of the Times Paris bureau before he went to Ottawa, said there still is "a long hard road in front of us until we can rid the world of this nightmare in which we are all living and restore decency and freedom."

"We are going to have many heartbreaks and sorrows. We are going to have to be very patient."

"But when we feel impatient and despondent I want you to think of those other peoples who have already lost the war—of those Poles and Danes and Dutch people and Belgians and Norwegians and French who are living, starving and still resisting under the heel of the Nazi oppressor."

"Let us thank God daily that we are still free."

Mr. Philip, a Briton, said Hitler has announced that he is "the toughest leader the world has ever known" and it was probably true.

"His is the toughness of the deformed—the vitally deformed," he continued, "and he is surrounded by tough men—Goering, Himmler, Hess, Goebbels and all the rest of the Nazi bandits."

"He is followed by tough men... terribly tough. They are worth fighting and beating."

Then Mr. Philip said he would tell his audience in a secret—Hitler's followers were not all tough; there was a weak streak in the rank and file, the weak streak of a subject people.

"But we Britishers, Canadians, Australians, Afrikanders and New Zealanders are tough all through," he said; "from Prime Minister Churchill down to the little Cockney children who brag to each other that the house they live in is built on the bones of the enemy."

Mr. Philip said he had found a tendency to scribe the fall of France to "fifth column work and treachery," but he believed the French were "licked, absolutely and completely licked" in May and June. In the confusion of it all a few men seized the government and made an armistice with the Germans because they believed that Britain, too, would fall within a few weeks.

Pierre Laval was the man who persuaded Marshal Petain, the hero of Verdun, to vote at Bordeaux against continuing the war. Laval would "sacrifice the last shred of his own and his country's honor and independence to satisfy his hatred of the British and his cock-eyed belief in himself as a great statesman."

"The French may have been overwhelmed but they aren't beaten. They may have been compelled to lay down their arms but they aren't conquered."

"And we shall need them... we never shall win the war without the sympathy of the invaded people without the possibility of their ultimate revolt."

Mr. Philip told a dream that had come to him twice during the past year or so. He was at Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat. He watched Hitler open the drawer of a desk, pull out a revolver and raise it to his temple, and "then of course I woke up—one always does in dreams just before the bang comes."

"Now, I don't believe much in dreams or omens, but I do believe in subconscious foresight and I am telling you of that dream quite seriously because I believe that it will be in that way this war will end."

Talked To Duke

Saskatchewan Soldier Had Interesting Time In Ireland

Pte. Isaac Borgford of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps was visiting the Ulster parliament buildings when the Duke of Kent arrived with the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Craigavon.

The Duke of Abercorn and Lord Craigavon chatted with Borgford, from Leslie, Sask., and then the Duke of Kent presented him to the Duke of Kent, who shook hands cordially.

"Where do you come from?" the Duke of Kent asked. "Saskatchewan, sir," Borgford replied. The duke, saying farewell, wished him the best of luck.

Borgford afterwards explained he was on leave and decided to visit Belfast. He was in an omnibus when a lady told him she should see the parliament houses. "It was lucky I did," he added.

Norway's Fighting Flag

New Flies Over Barracks For Norse Airmen In Toronto

The Royal Canadian Air Force ensign and the Norwegian fighting flag were proudly side by side on identical flag poles at Toronto's "Little Norway." The flags were hoisted at an impressive opening ceremony attended by highest Canadian and Norwegian civil and military authorities.

Gen. William Steffens, commander-in-chief of Norwegian armed forces in Canada; Air Vice-Marshal Lloyd S. Broadner, chief of staff of Canada's air force, and scores of officials from Montreal, Ottawa, New York and Washington took part.

Meanwhile 11 Norwegian planes flying in tight formation swept overhead. With a tremendous roar they descended to within 25 feet of the roofs of the newly erected barracks.

The men who left Norway in two and three, in open boats, in captured German bombers, men who had ships blown from beneath their feet, men who in little groups of a dozen or so held back German hordes with machine-guns and old style rifles had a new home.

Gen. Steffens marched into the "Little Norway" barracks enclosure at the foot of Bathurst street, opposite the island airport, followed by the other officers. Royal Canadian Air Force men were drawn up on the south arm of an echelon with their band, while members of the Royal Norwegian Army Air Force and the Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force formed the west arm.

Showed His Courage

Thomas Carlyle Rowntree Great Book After Manuscript Was Destroyed

When Thomas Carlyle had finished the first volume of his monumental "French Revolution," he entrusted the manuscript to his friend, John Stuart Mill, for criticism. One night, several weeks later, Mill, pale and trembling, burst in upon the author with the dreadful information that a careless maid, thinking the manuscript but a bundle of waste paper, had used the whole of it, save for a few stray sheets, to start a fire!

Though inwardly weeping, Carlyle concealed his feelings, while he sought to console and comfort the forlorn Mill. Only when his distraught friend had departed did the poor writer give way to his profound despair.

Wretchedly in need of revenue from his writing, he set resolutely to work to rewrite his volume. But in this endeavor he faced a terrible handicap. As he had finished each chapter of the original manuscript he had destroyed his notes in profound relief, believing he would never need them again. Now he would be compelled to rake up from his memory facts, ideas and expressions which had long since been dismissed.

The next morning Thomas Carlyle ordered a fresh supply of paper, and, turning to his diary, wrote: "It is as if my invisible schoolmaster had torn my book when I showed it and said, 'No, boy, thou must write better.'"

The world well knows how wonderfully he obeyed the command—Christian Science Monitor.

Language Of The Sea

Landsman Makes Many Errors When Talking To Sailors

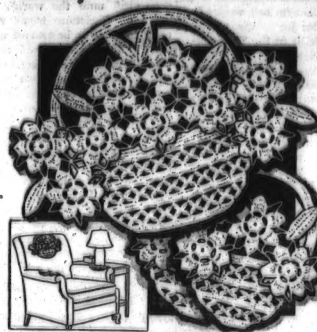
It was no wonder the sailorman at Cobourg, Ont., got a bit hot around the neck when a girl asked him which end of the boat to get off at—back or front. She made two mistakes according to the language of the sea, or even of the Great Lakes. If a real sailor talks of a boat he means a rowboat or one of those toys children sail on lakes. And of course the front part of a ship is fore and the back part is aft.

And don't refer to stairs if you are going up or down to the cabin, or if you are invited to look around from the bridge. They are the companionway and the companion ladder.

The commonest error of all made by landlubbers is to say one sailed on the So-and-So. No seafaring man ever says he sailed on this or that ship. He says "in" a ship. By that little word alone you can always tell a sailor from a landsman.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

If Sherman three-quarters of a century ago said war was hell, what would he call it now, with all its additional ghastly horror?

Dainty Gift That's Soon Crocheted



Household Arts by Alice Brooks

Fill Basket With Flower Medallions Crocheted Separately

This basket of posies, so easily crocheted in string (the flowers are a medallion repeated and joined) makes a chair set that every housewife would welcome as a gift. It's made of string and that's so inexpensive. Pattern 6832 contains instructions for set; illustration of it and stitches; materials needed.

To obtain this pattern send 20 cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published

Two Are Profitable

Honeybee And Silkworm Only Insects Domesticated By Man

According to National Nature News there are more than 700,000 kinds of insects known in the world, of which 75,000 kinds flourish in North America and 6,500 kinds are injurious to agriculture. Insects outnumber most, if not all, the living groups of living organisms in species and kinds and they directly affect people, animals and plants. It costs America more than one and one-half billion dollars annually to support the insects helping themselves to our property. Man has domesticated only two insects so far for his own profit—the honeybee and the silkworm.

Insects are man's greatest competitor for success, prosperity and health because they kill our animals, spread diseases germs and destroy our crops and other property. Research reveals that more people have been killed by insects that distribute disease germs than have been killed in all our wars.

The British Flag

Will Ever Be Flying Free And Sheltering Liberty

The whole of Britain is under attack now, but in our own time she and her Dominions will take the offensive. They are on the offensive even now, for our gallant airmen are carrying the war to the heart of enemy countries, and to the territories which Germany has conquered, and our incomparable fleet still commands the seas. Her soldiers at Dunkerque have proven their quality. We shall see Britain triumphant, and long after the name of Hitler has become nothing but an unpleasant memory, the same flag, which now waves over disordered heaps of crumbled brick and stone and mortar, will be flying freely and proudly in the air of Heaven, sheltering liberty and justice and freedom and truth in its benevolent shade.

That is the lesson of the flag flying over the ruins of British homes.—By Hon. Angus Macdonald.

The Friesian cow, the Percheron horse, and the merino sheep are the only principal types of livestock not originated in the British Isles.

Hatley Park

B.C. Estate To Be Site Of New Naval Academy

Hatley Park, disclosed at Victoria to be the site of Canada's new naval academy, is a 600-acre estate which cost its owners, the late Hon. James Dunsinuir, about \$4,000,000. It has been unoccupied save for caretakers since the death of Mrs. Dunsinuir in 1937.

The mansion with a huge Norman tower and dozens of panelled rooms, was completed in 1908. Prior to Mr. Dunsinuir's death in 1922, he entertained there the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, Lord and Lady Willingdon, Lord and Lady Byng and other notables.

The main floor of the mansion houses a dining-room, drawing-room, library, den, morning-room and billiard room. On the next floor are a dozen bedrooms and bathrooms and a wing for bachelor guests. On the third floor is a ball-room.

A formal Italian garden adjoins the house and Japanese and French gardens have been landscaped elsewhere. Six miles of private roads wind through the estate.

At one time Hatley Park had a staff of more than 100 men. Mr. Dunsinuir raised purebred cattle and maintained a stable. Mr. Dunsinuir built the estate after serving as premier and lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

Immigration Regulations

American Paper Refers To The Absurd Rules In Force

It has always seemed absurd that this country should apply to Canada and Canadians the immigration regulations which it adopts with respect to the rest of the world. A very special relationship exists between the two, based on a community of ideals and language, a common background of race and pioneer development and a traditional amity which has been signalized for more than a century in an unforgotten border.

Why should there ever be more than a nominal formality in admitting a Canadian to American territory, and now especially when the two nations are bound together in what amounts to a defensive alliance?—New York Herald Tribune.

Careful Planning Necessary To Produce Desired Results Under The P. F. R. A. Work

Substitutes Being Increased

Swedes Baking Grass Bread And Dutch Using Horse Meat

Frenchmen read in the Lyons daily "Nouveliste" that "no one need be distressed by rationing because 200 years ago one ate sugar, potatoes or coffee."

And the French housewife during the last three months has been advised over Paris wave lengths as follows:

"Horse can be pickled, and it is a good scheme to buy horse, as it is not rationed and coffee can be made of pure coffee but of one-third coffee and two-thirds cranberries. Grape pits are useful in this connection... butter or margarine can be replaced with the skimmings of meat soup."

The Dutch are in a similar predicament. Over the Netherlands radio was broadcast a recipe dealing with the preparation of horse-meat hash.

Recently the Swedish Dagens Nyheter announced: "Grass which used to be dried for use as concentrated cattle fodder is now to be used for baking. The bread tastes good though the green color puts people off buying it."

The Norwegian radio made this statement: "We can all do our bit by gathering wild berries," the speaker said. "The amount of fruit we will be able to import will be insignificant, and by picking wild berries we can help reduce the shortage."

A Danish news commentator, speaking from Copenhagen, said something similarly: "If the population lives chiefly on vegetables instead of on animal products, these northern countries will be able not only to supply themselves but also to contribute to the maintenance of the German people."

Distortions abroad of statements made here are often repeated for the amusement of John Bull and his wife, who like to laugh when things are gloomiest.

Food Minister Lord Woolton, referring to the effect of fire and bombs on the nation's food stocks, said in a talk recently: "The extent of the damage is at most not more than could be made up if the population said that they would go without one meal."

According to the British food minister, a Zeeman announcer reported it in German the next day: "The English population has to do without some 46,000,000 meals."

Soon after, the Italian home broadcast went the German version one better: "The British food minister declared that the British henceforth will have to renounce one of their meals."

Will Be Some Job

The Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow, will be moved 300 yards to make room for a wide square in front of the Palace of the Soviets. The building weighs 50,000 tons and needs 20 miles of rail for the moving.

Londoners are becoming accustomed to a new sound—the forlorn buzzing of burglar alarms behind broken windows. Nobody has time to turn them off!

Switzerland shipped 141,605 wrist watches to the United States last year.

Meals Being Provided

Britain's Richest People Aid Those Who Have Lost Homes

Some families of Britain's upper class are: the passing rich are using part of the funds the income tax has left them to establish dispensary dinners for the less fortunate near London sites that have appeared to draw the fire of Nazi bombers more than others. Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, and various royal domains followed suit—the ministry at Lambeth, Hatfield and Blackfriars and the Duchy of Cornwall at Kennington Cross.

Lord Woolton later visited that in Lambeth and the organizer of the kitchen thus reported in The Times of London: "Lord Woolton was very pleased with what he saw here and he hoped that we would extend our service by serving early morning cups of tea and sandwiches to people coming out of the shelters. We shall start this as soon as possible."

"People living in the neighborhood and others who have been bombed out of their homes and are staying with friends here buy their dinners and take them away. We also do quite a number of meals for workers in the district."

A Lucky Move

The members of one London family are alive to-day because they were so "fed up" with dampness in their private, backyard air raid shelter they decided to sleep in their house one night. During the night, a German bomb scored a direct hit on their shelter, destroying it.

There are more horse races in United States in a year than there are race horses. There are more losers than winners, and that goes for the horses and the people who bet on them.

PROMINENT MIDLAND CITY TARGET FOR NAZI BOMBS



The huge industrial city of Birmingham is the latest target for Nazi bombing planes. Hundreds of tons of bombs have been dropped on the city in an effort to wreck the armament and supply plants in the vicinity.

A Merry Christmas



We want to wish you all lots of Joy at this Happy Season and hope that Christmas is just the way you want it.

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PLEASANT EVENING

A very pleasant evening was spent Monday in the lodge hall when Clarence Carter was guest of honor at a surprise and farewell party.

Around eighty young folks and a sprinkling of married couples were present and all entered heartily into the contests and games. Miss Betty McLean and Miss Evelyn Elford favored with piano selections and led the sing-song. Mr. R. L. Martin was master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Mr. Ray Locke.

A sumptuous lunch was served by a number of the young ladies assisted by members of the Junior hockey club. Following this Mr. Martin gave a short impromptu presentation ad-

WAINWRIGHT HOSPITAL BOARD HOLD MEETING

HOSPITAL BOARD HEAR CONVENTION REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Wainwright municipal hospital district No. 17, was held at the hospital on Saturday last with trustees J. Fuller, C. Bleasdale, J. Collette, O. Gould and D. Gardiner present.

Moved by trustee Gould—That the minutes of the last regular meeting be adopted as read. Cd.

Moved by trustee Collette—That secretary purchase special forms required by the department for monthly inventory of drugs and supplies. Cd.

Moved by trustee Bleasdale—That a fireplace and radiators be installed in the nurses' sitting room. Cd.

Moved by trustee Gardiner—That chairman and secretary be a committee of two to arrange for the installation of radiant and fireplace. Cd.

Trustee Bleasdale gave a very interesting report of the municipal hospital convention held in Calgary Nov. 18 and 19.

Moved by trustee Gould—That delegate's report be accepted with a vote of thanks extended to trustee Bleasdale. Cd.

Moved by trustee Collette—That the accounts of Mrs. L. Noren and Mrs. Chas. Brislan be handed to our solicitor Mr. J. McKenna for collection. Cd.

The secretary presented a list of accounts to be written off, for the year 1940, representing adjustments from municipalities and workmen's compensation board, etc. On the list being checked over, it was moved by trustee Collette—that the sum of \$797.51 be written off. Cd.

Matron's report for the month of November is as follows: patients admitted 41; patients discharged 40; deaths 2.

Classification of patients admitted: medical 13; surgical 11; obstetrical 9; infants born 8.

Total hospital pays \$19.

Moved by trustee Gardiner—That matron's report be accepted. Cd.

Moved by trustee Bleasdale—That accounts amounting to \$1,555.93 be accepted and cheques issued. Cd.

Moved by trustee Gardiner—That chairman and secretary be authorized to sign and issue cheques to complete 1940 business. Cd.

Moved by trustee Bleasdale—That the report of the finance committee be accepted, the bank book and ledger having been examined and found correct. Cd.

Moved by trustee Bleasdale—That the meeting adjourn. Cd.

dress, citing Clarence's activities in social and sports events and on behalf of his present and former school mates and a number of friends presented him with a lovely Bulova wrist watch. Clarence was taken completely by surprise and after finding his voice tried to express how keenly he felt this grand gesture and sincerely thanked all the donors.

The singing of 'God Save the King' ended this very fine part of the evening.

STRAYED—from S.W. Sec. 10, Twp. 47, R. 9, with one white brood sow weighing about 250 lbs. Finder please notify F. Lukens. Phone 510, Irma Alta. 209.

"I feel that the welfare of Canada is almost as near to the heart of the average person of the United States as it is to Canadians themselves."—Dr. Minnie L. Moffat.

LOCALS

Mrs. Jack Peterson and baby visited Mrs. Peterson's mother, Mrs. W. Baynham at Chauvin last weekend.

Master Walter Enger was operated on for appendicitis at the Wainwright hospital last Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Santee of Fabyan, Alta., one of the oldest residents of the district, passed away at the Wainwright hospital on Tuesday, December 17th. The regular meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in Hotdley hall. Roll call will be answered by your thought for the year. Raffle to be donated by Mrs. Fletcher. Hostesses, Mrs. Pryce Jones, Mrs. Percy Jones, Mrs. McFarland.

A regular meeting of Glenholm Social Credit study group will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armitage on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m.

Following the usual custom all the Irma stores will close at 6 p.m. every Saturday evening during the months of January, February and March. Boxing day, Dec. 26th, will be observed in Irma again this year. All stores will remain closed on that day.

Rose Sanders has been holidaying in the northern forests of the province during the deer season (but aren't there many ways to spell "deer"?).

Owing to so much sickness in the district the public school concert will not be held as usual in Kiofers hall. Instead a few numbers will be given by some of the pupils and treats and gifts distributed in the school on Monday afternoon, December 23rd.

L. Cpl. Ed. Sharkey arrived home the first of the week for the Xmas holidays.

The Irma public school will re-open on Monday, January 6th.

The Irma stores never looked better at this time of the year. The Irma Trading Co. has arranged quite a novel attraction which for the moment is a picture of the Great Divide Rocky Mountains near Banff. A wooden framework was erected on a table over which jute sackings were draped and the whole covered with plaster of paris coloured gray except the mountain peaks which are white. Around the base of the mountains sits a railway which also passes through several tunnels. A toy train operates on this railway and several dishes of gold fish are attractively placed beside the road bed. This picture occupies about three-quarters of the table on the fourth side is a scene depicting the port of Dunkirk, France, showing the town, surrounding hills and the harbor. The different branches of the British Army defending the port are shown as well as all kinds of boats and submarines in the harbor. The whole thing is very real and represents a lot of careful study and painstaking work.

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

ANGLICAN CHURCH

There will be celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2:30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. Pryce Jones recently, when the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. F. Thurston; Vice-president, Mrs. A. Peterson; Sec.-treas., Mrs. T. Sanders; Social Service Sec., Mrs. A. Peterson; Doncas Sec., Mrs. Edwin Sanders.

A splendid report on the year's work was given by Mrs. Sanders and the President thanked the members for their loyalty and support.

The W. A. would also like to thank their many friends for their kindness and help during the past year.

FULL GOSPEL SERVICES
Special Christmas Services
Rosa 4:00 p.m.
Roseberry 4:30 p.m.
Irma (R. Fuder Home) 8:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, December 22
Albert: public worship, 11:30 a.m.
Alma Mater: public worship, 3 p.m.
Irma: Public worship, 7:30 p.m.
Irma: Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.

We extend our heartiest invitation to all to join us in the worship of our Christmas services. Special Christmas music at the evening service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sharon:
Christmas service followed by program, Dec. 26th, at 2:00.

Christmas in The Heart

Once again we celebrate the coming of our heavenly Father's "unspeakable gift" unto the world's history and life. Christmas began with and must continue to be centered upon the Gift. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Christmas is not simply a matter of time, trinkets and toys, of parties and festivals or of material gifts, no matter how beautiful and costly these may be. If at Christmas time we only think of and plan for these outward trappings and formalities of a commercialized and secularized holiday season and festival and spend our time, strength and money on these alone, how far short we will be from any experience of the real joy, good will and blessing of Christmas time—"Christmas in the heart."

"We'll find the Christ Child in each loving action,
Cradled in hearts that, open to His Light,
Can understand and grasp the undying symbol
Of Heavenly love, sent down on Christmas Night."

Not one, but so many of the richest and sweetest joys human hearts can experience were born into our world with the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. The old time angel messenger of that first Christmas proclaimed to the shepherds of Bethlehem "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." And through the centuries the Christmas good tidings have been ringing and singing their way into the lives of all those who have opened their hearts to receive and welcome the divine message and gift.

At this Christmas season with the clouds and tragedies of war upon us and about us and abroad in the world and when so many hearts are burdened, heavy laden and fearful, we of necessity, must demand not simply the formalities and feasts of Christmas but that we find our way to Bethlehem and ponder afresh the message: "For unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord" and once again refresh our spirits as we behold the fulfillment of the great prophetic message—"For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Great Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"Let us go even into Bethlehem" to refresh our faith, renew our courage and strengthen our spirits.

The Spirit of Christmas is that something to be limited and confined by what is generally considered the Christmas season and neglected or forgotten immediately it is past. We must seek and cultivate the Christmas spirit as an abiding treasure, an indwelling strength and stay for all the experiences that lie ahead. All is far, so very far, from being well with and in our Empire and in our world, but we can never yield to doubt and despair whilst we have before us and in our hearts the constant reminder that in the Christ Child we have the continued manifestation of our Divine Father's presence, love and care.

We remember especially at this Christmas season that whilst our Canadian skies are calm and clear and our home and families secure and unafraid, other skies over our Empire are filled with the battle roar of the winged armies of death. Evil forces of vile and evil spirit which would continue to spread and impose its tyranny upon all whom it might conquer and possess. May our hearts go out to all people at this time whose homes and lives are being blasted and broken by this cruel enemy of our times. May we give ourselves to prayer, to service and if need be to sacrifice, not to accomplish a compromise with the powers of oppression, tyranny and hate, or a selfish and ill-conceived bargain with this evil thing which is abroad, but for its uprooting and the establishment of an order and peace, based upon the abiding foundation of Christian integrity, righteousness and good will.

There is very much we owe to others and especially to our Lord, Jesus, that we can never repay. Nevertheless there is also much that we can attempt and do to make real the gift and spirit of Christmas in the hearts of men and women and children both at home and abroad in the world. Christmas can be truly Christmas only when it is shared with others and shared not alone with family and friends, but shared also with all those whose lives we may be able to reach and help, and especially those who are especially lonely and burdened in life. As the wise men of old offered their most precious treasures to the Babe of Bethlehem, so may we bring to Him our treasures of mind, heart and life, and as we join the

great throng of those who present their Christmas tribute of helpfulness, sympathy and love to others, and thus to Him Whose birth we celebrate, we shall indeed experience the greatest and best of all Christmas joys—"Christmas in the heart."

"We need not journey to the sacred manger,
Nor reach the skies to find the guiding star,
If in our hearts we give the Christ Child welcome,
And offer love's own gift just where we are."

To all our people and friends I desire to extend sincere greetings and best Christmas wishes.

Rev. E. Longmire.

What Air Waves Are Saying Over C.J.C.A.

Highlighting the Christmas eve radio bill of fare is the special program entitled "There'll Always be an England" to be heard over C.J.C.A. at 9 o'clock, replacing the regular meeting of the "Light up and Listen Club."

Striking a realistic note, this special program will provide through words and music another vignette from life as it unfolds in a little corner of England on Christmas eve. As you listen to this program you will realize why we can sing with joy and confidence—"There'll Always be an England."

The cast is headed by a group of distinguished British players, while the music is provided by a large chorus and orchestra.

RED CROSS NOTES

Christmas dinners and parcels will be provided for Canadian troops in hospital in Britain by the Canadian Red Cross Society's overseas representatives, Dr. Fred W. Rousley, national commissioner announced yesterday. Reports received from England indicate that everything will be done to assure the men of a happy Christmas. Voluntary Red Cross "Hospital Visitors" are looking after the decoration of the wards for the occasion.

All Canadian hospitals in England will receive the attention of the Canadian Red Cross. The last report received at Toronto headquarters showed that the 600-bed Canadian Red Cross hospital in England (No. 5 Canadian General) was almost full, and that there were almost 500 patients at No. 15 Canadian General.

All these men, as well as Canadians who are patients in other military hospitals, are visited regularly by Canadian Red Cross hospital visitors. During the past few months, these visitors have initiated handicraft work among the men in the hospitals, and it is reported that the work has become exceedingly popular with the men and is helping them feel more contented. Many of them have made such things as rugs, tapestry and baskets which they are sending to their relatives in Canada as Christmas presents.

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